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DENNY DOYLE
MAYOR

Merritt Paulson
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Dear Mr. Paulson:

Congratulations on the progress that you are making in bringing Major League Soccer to the Portland area. As a soccer fan and former coach, I am excited about the opportunity for youth throughout the region to experience the game at the professional level.

At the same time, I understand that you are looking into a regional option for a new stadium for the Portland Beavers. I'd like to invite you to consider building a home for the Beavers right here in the city of Beaverton and encourage you to explore this opportunity.

Located within easy reach of the entire metropolitan area, Beaverton is an ideal setting. A major population and regional center, we're minutes from downtown Portland and are accessible to the region via a number of multi-modal transportation options, from light rail and bicycle to commuter rail and major freeways and highways. The city of Beaverton is home to an active, diverse and engaged populace that has shown a public appetite for more community gathering places and growth. In addition, I'm also proud that we are home to some of the best youth sports programs in the state, if not the nation.

While I understand that there are many significant issues to explore on a project of this size and scope, I'm very interested in discussing ways that Beaverton could help keep the Beavers in the Portland metropolitan area for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Dennis Doyle

Mayor, City of Beaverton